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Comments on Draft Report, The Soviet Rubber Industry During the
Seven-Year Plan, Project No. 22.2846

Reference: Your request of 19 February.

1. page 1, line 7. Is not synthetic rubber also made from the ethyl alcohol that is produced from potatoes and pulp-paper processes?
2. page 3, table. Locations of rubber plants should be corrected as follows:

Omsk, Omskaya Oblast', RSFSR
Stalingrad, Stalingradskaya Oblast', RSFSR
Stavropol', Stavropol'skiy Kray, RSFSR or Kuybyshevskaya Oblast',
RSFSR
Sterlitamak, Bashkirskaya ASSR
Sumgait, Azerbaydzhan SSR
Temir-Tau, Karagandinskaya Oblast', Kazakh SSR
Ussol'ye-Sibirskoye, Irkutskaya Oblast', RSFSR

In reference to Stavropol', we have no knowledge of an existing city with this name in Tatarskaya ASSR. This may be either the Stavropol' in Stavropol'skiy Kray, RSFSR (on the northern slopes of the Caucasus Mountains) or more likely, the Stavropol' in Kuybyshevskaya Oblast', RSFSR (near the city of Kuybyshev on the Volga River).

3. page 3. Components of the Sumgait plant are mentioned several times in the text and are described as a third section, first shop, new section, and butyl rubber shop. Do all these names refer to the same component? On page 3 the third section is reportedly completed in 1959 and on page 14, line 8 the first shop is reportedly completed in October 1959. On page 3 it is stated there was no output of rubber for the third section as of January 1960; on page 11, line 2 the new section failed to go into operation in 1958; and on page 18, line 1 the butyl rubber shop was scheduled to go into operation in 1957.

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4. page 11, line 4. Text states production of rubber directly from refinery or natural gas, and on page 16, line 10 refers to it as production directly from oil gases.

5. page 12, line 15. The title of Viktor Federov, Chairman of the State Committee for Chemistry, is mentioned initially on page 10, line 2. Suggest that the footnote on page 12 be moved to page 10.

6. page 14, line 9. Sungait is first mentioned in the text on page 11; reference to its proximity to Baku should be moved to this page.

7. page 16, line 16. Temir Tau should read Temir-Tau throughout the text.

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